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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Special Panel

SUBJECT: Special Panel Minutes of 6 December 1955 Meeting

1. The Special Panel of the CIA Incentive Awards Committee was convened on 6 December 1955 in Room 113, [REDACTED] at 1:30 P.M.

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2. The Panel voted non-adoption of the following employee suggestions. They also requested that commendatory letters be written for (1) and (3) below.

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(1) S-1282 - [REDACTED]

It was determined after conferences with Bell and RCA personnel, that although fabrication or synthesis of speech sound track might seem theoretically possible, it would be impracticable for several reasons. RCA is vitally interested in, and has spent considerable time and money on fabricating sound by any and all means. They suggested that they be approached in two or three years with the problem; at the present time there is no analysis equipment available anywhere that would enable them to make a coded paper record of speech. They were unwilling to give any real estimate of the cost involved in this problem, but indicated that it would be in the order of approximately one million dollars. Commendatory letter.

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(2) S-1468 - [REDACTED]

This suggestion was not considered to be a new idea as PP/AMD has been aware of this air-to-ground system. Recommended non-adopt.

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(3) S-1478 - [REDACTED]

It was noted that while the suggestion showed merit and resourcefulness on the part of the originator, the idea of a dead-bolt locking device in safes is not a new one.

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Safe repairmen have been using the same method of entry on locked safes for approximately 8 years with considerably less danger to the lock than would take place in the suggested method. This idea has been suggested to the safe manufacturers by representatives of this Agency on several occasions, and while the idea is sound, it is impractical from the cost standpoint.

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(4) S-1542 - [REDACTED]

The type of E&E device mentioned in the suggestion as well as the specific concealment method suggested, have previously been considered by the appropriate staffs and development elements of CIA. It makes no added contribution.

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(5) S-1582 - [REDACTED]

The creation of a special staff to police performance and set standards in such a narrow segment of trade-craft would, it is felt, not repay the effort involved and would certainly not justify the recommendation that other segments of trade-craft be set up on a similar basis.

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(6) S-1748 - [REDACTED]

This proposal has been considered by DD/P (PP Staff) on previous occasions and therefore, is not a new contribution. The impracticability of obtaining useful pictures from [REDACTED] would appear to negate any worthwhile psychological effect from the proposed activity.

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(7) S-1770 - [REDACTED]

A similar item is Agency standard and this suggestion does not make an added contribution.

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(8) S-2065 - [REDACTED]

Suggestion although noteworthy is not original. Plans to investigate the points of the suggestion were already in effect.

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(9) S-2130 - [REDACTED]

Turndown on the basis that it would afford nothing useable to the intelligence people.

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3. The Panel recommended other action on the following:

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(1) S-1944 - [REDACTED]

Returned to DD/P Materiel Board for further evaluation.

25X1A (2) S-2011 - [REDACTED]

Suggestion referred to the Cover Division for further evaluation.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 3 P.M.

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Executive Secretary
Incentive Awards Committee

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reversed his decision
on 5-2130 (January 56
panel meeting) and now
wants it sent to
DDI for further evaluation.

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Joan is 
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